

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and considered prior to examination on the merits.

Applicants respectfully provide the amendments to correct informalities and/or typographical errors. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not relate to any issue of patentability and do not narrow the intended scope of the claims. In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that the intended scope of the claims was clear and that the amendments do not introduce new matter. Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicants do not intend to relinquish any subject matter by these amendments.

Conclusion

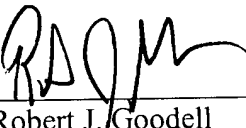
The foregoing amendments are being made to place the application in condition for examination. A favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version showing the changes made by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 16 as follows:

16. (Amended) The ~~[method]~~ repair structure according to claim ~~[1]~~ 9, wherein the repair pattern is formed of metal.